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SUBJECT: AU SUMMIT: A/S CARSON MEETING WITH FRENCH MFA AFRICA DIRECTOR GOMPERTZ TRIPOLI 00000558 001.2 OF 002 CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Amk

1.(C) Summary: Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Johnnie Carson met with French Ministry of Foreign Affairs AF Assistant Secretary-equivia Somalia -----

2.(C) In his meeting with the Quai d'Orsay's top Africa specialist, A/S Carson identified Somalia as the principal concern for the USG recently

3.(C) Carson continued that the unrest in Somalia has spawned a refugee crisis in Kenya, piracy in the Red Sea, smuggling operations throughout

4.(C) Gompertz asked whether Carson believed AU member states would seek to impose sanctions on Eritrea to punish it for supporting al-Shabaab.

Mali -----

5.(C) Gompertz said France's greatest preoccupation in Africa at the present time is Mali, and this is because of the serious threat posed by a Niger -----

6.(C) Developments in Niger worry both France and the United States. President Mamadou Tandja's attempts to change the constitution in order to Madagascar -----

7.(C) On Madagascar, Gompertz made clear that his government does not want to harm the Malagasy population and explained that French humanitarian Drug Trafficking -----

8.(C) The meeting also contained a discussion on the growing narco-trafficking problem on the African continent and how this scourge has had a Guinea -----

9.(C) Carson opined that Guinea's coup leader, Dadis Camara, would not hold elections before the end of the year nor would he give up power. "E Cote d'Ivoire -----

10.(C) On Cote d'Ivoire, there was agreement that President Laurent Gbagbo likely will not deliver on his promise to hold elections by the end

11.(U) A/S Carson has approved this message. CRETZ